

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 3, 2006. Claim 38 remains pending in the application, with Claims 37 and 39 to 59 having been canceled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 38 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Solely for the purpose of obtaining the earliest possible allowance of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to rewrite Claim 38 into independent form and to pursue examination of the remaining claims in a continuation application. Thus, Claim 38, the only claim now pending in the application, is believed to be allowable.

Applicants wish to note, however, that the Office Action apparently withdrew Claims 44 to 49, 53 to 57 and 59 from further consideration based on a restriction requirement. However, Applicants' traversal of the restriction requirement was not addressed at all in the detailed action of the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants submit on their previous traversal should the Examiner maintain the restriction in the continuation application.

Turning to the substance of the Office Action, Claims 37, 39 to 43, 50 to 52 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,215,523 (Anderson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,020,475 (Bahl). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Applicants' cancellation of the rejected claims, as well as the apparently withdrawn claims, is believed to render the rejections moot. Nonetheless, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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